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Regarding: Transporting deadly nuclear waste through St. Louis to Yucca Mountain Nevada

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There is no safe way to store radioactive waste, Plutonium-239 will continue to give off 1 radioactive particles for 24,000 years. There is no guaranteed safe way to transport radioactive waste. There is no container that is guaranteed not to leak and I believe that the DOE plan for 2... transporting and storing this waste is dangerous and irresponsible.

I am opposed to the transporting of 70,000 metric tons of irradiated fuel rods and other lethal radioactive waste through St. Louis. I am concerned about health risks for those in the St. Louis area and for all of those along the route to Yucca Mountain. I am also concerned for those who

live near the Yucca Mountain Site. It is my wish that the DEO would put as much time and resources into developing safe sources of energy, such as solar, as it has invested in this ill conceived and dangerous plan for transporting and storing nuclear waste. Why the DOE does not oppose the use of nuclear power remains a mystery to me. My mother always told me "don't make a mess if you can't clean it up". Barbara Chicherio

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